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1. Eisenach (W76) was the scene of Soviet maneuvers during mid-February 1948, but no troops arrived in the Eisenach-Weinungen area after 24 February. [redacted] however, that on 28 February he observed three westbound freight trains with military personnel at the Ammendorf station (D92). Each train was hauling approximately twelve tanks and supply trucks [redacted]
2. According to an employee of the Weimar Arbeitsamt, construction work is proceeding on a troop training ground at Kindel (unlocated, but believed to be near Zeuka, B87). Some laborers from Weimar are being drafted for this work.
3. An NED-Erfurt employee claims that his Soviet Transportation Officer ordered forty complete trains, for the shipment of military personnel and vehicles, to be ready on 12 March at Eisenach, Gotha and Erfurt. Each train was to consist of five to eight passenger coaches and fifteen to twenty flatcars.
4. Since the return of 57th Guards Rifle Division units from the Eisenach maneuvers, divisional headquarters have been located at Bad Kosen (J78). A corps headquarters staff is now at Naumburg (J89), under a two-star general. Vehicles are in the 6-78 series, running from 31 up to 57.
5. MVD units formerly based in the Amtsgericht and Pestalozzi Schule in Weimar have been transferred to Jena. The latter city is said to be present headquarters for MVD and military staffs. There is a great deal of rail and road traffic between Weimar and Jena; most of the officers seen were armored and artillery insignia.
6. On 10 February, chiefs of all SMA agencies throughout the Russian Zone attended a conference in Weimar, where a discussion was held on the strained relationship existing between SMA and military staffs "in connection with the MVD".

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